The Stinger



180th Fighter Wing, Ohio Air National Guard, Toledo, Ohio

Hot Day for 180th Fire Fighters at Live Fire Training

By 2nd Lt. Tiffany Pasker Public Affiars

For many of us in the 180th Fighter Wing community, Saturday April 12 proved itself to be a fiercely cold and windy day. However, for the members of the 180th Civil Engineering Squadron Fire Department, the day was hot, with fire that is. Members of the 180th Fire Department teamed up with Erie and Bay Townships for a "Live Fire Training" that was held at the 200th Red Horse Squadron in Camp Perry.

For the first time in several years, the 200th RHS acquired a structure for use as a training site. This doublewide trailer mimicked a housing structure to include dummies and a bag of doughnuts, which needed to be rescued from the dangerous fire. To ensure safety, the windows and doors were cut out of the building for easier evacuation in the event that the fire grew out of control. Erie and Bay Townships secured permits and equipment, as the 180th Fire Department supplied the trainers and the structure.

Once all of the firefighters were present and suited up in there protective equipment, the training began. As the members of the 180th



Photo by Senior Airman Sheena Meyer

The 180th Fighter Wing firefighter crew poses before participating in the Live Fire Training at the 200th Red Horse Squadron at Camp Perry during April 2008 UTA.

Fire Department filled the structure, trainers demonstrated how fires spread by setting drums of wood on fire. To contain the fire, they filled the drums with hay, which smothered the fire and created smoke. Upon completion of the fire demonstration, small teams of three from each Fire Department took turns entering the structure

to practice search and rescue procedures. As the building began to smolder, each crew successfully found the dummies and pulled them from the building.

With eight months of planning, the training turned out to be a great success as firefighters trained on fire containment, and search and rescue procedures.

What's Said

The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave...

-Patrick Henry-

What's Inside

Highway Patrol honors 180th FW member for heroic actions

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What's Ahead

May Operational hours (Deployment workcenters, UCC's, Battlestaff)

Saturday, May 3, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday, May 4, 6 a.m. - noon

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"Commander's Comments"

If something just doesn't seem right - Speak up!

by Col . Jim Reagan 180th Fighter Wing Maintenance Group Commander

I was driving to Wisconsin on Interstate 65 just south of Gary, Ind. while on a recent vacation. The speed limit on I 65 in Ind. is 70 mph, so as you can image, many drivers saw that as a mere suggestion and were going 80+ mph. I had just commented to my wife that I thought everyone was driving very fast and something didn't seem quite right. Vehicles were passing me like I was standing still, weaving in and out of traffic, even passing on the right! With the rampant pace, I sat up in my seat and grabbed the steering wheel with both hands preparing to react if needed. Not only did I need to keep myself engaged in my driving, but I had to watch out for others who were driving recklessly.

A few minutes later, all traffic came to a sudden and complete halt. There was an accident ahead and the Indiana State Police had just arrived to assist a car wrapped around a tree off to the right side of the road. One thing was certain, this was a very serious accident and in fact, turned out to be fatal.

I 65 soon closed for an investigation. For the next 3 hours, captive audience to the wreck, my wife and I sat in our car and watched as the rescue crews and the police completed their work.

During this time, I began to evaluate what had just happened and thought, "Wow, if it had been a few minutes earlier, I could have been potentially involved in this chaos." The next day's newspaper article indicated the driver had lost control of the vehicle. On top of that, she was not wearing her seat belt properly. The tree wins almost every time!

The entire incident really got me thinking about how we take things for granted, especially safety. Soon it will be the "101 Critical Days"



Col . Jim Reagan Maintenance Group Commander

of Summer." Those of us who have been hibernating for the winter begin to go outside to enjoy the great outdoors. We pack up our cars, boats or bikes and engage in a myriad of other activities that are great fun, but have the potential for mishaps.

"...if it had been a few minutes earlier, I could have been potentially involved in this chaos"

Col. Jim Reagan 180th FW Maintenance Group Commander

According to the recent *Airman's Role Call*, 146 Airman were killed in mishaps during the last five 101 Critical Days of Summer periods. Of these fatalities, 117 were traffic related, and 43% of these deaths were motorcyclists. Young men between the ages of 18 and 25 are most at risk

for injury or death, yet all Airmen and their families need to remain extra vigilant about safety as the temperatures rise. The same *Airman's Role Call* goes on to say whether barbecuing in your backyard to setting out on a road trip or even just trying out a new sport, all Airmen need to think about their actions and the possible consequences.

Questions to ask yourself:

Is the grill too close to the house and are the kids running around too close to the grill?

Is there adult supervision around the water when someone is swimming?

Is the boat seaworthy or motorcycle ready-to-roll?

Are you mentally prepared and engaged as you strap on a motorized machine that has more power sometimes than we have wits?

I'll be the first to admit that in my younger days, I did a lot of crazy things and consider myself lucky to be here today. We didn't have the Wingman Program when I came in the Air Force. It just seemed like a right of passage to survive or escape incidents. That was many years ago and we are all smarter than that today. We know what can cause senseless accidents. Do you ever get the feeling that something just does not seem right? If you get that thought, it's probably true; I did on the highway I-65. I couldn't do anything about the other drivers that day except drive defensively.

We all probably know someone who has been caught up in one of these scenarios and afterwards said, "If only someone could have..." That someone is you and me.

This summer, or anytime for that matter, if you see a potential problem, don't just sit there, say something! Speak up, and you may be part of the accident that never happened!

Volunteers needed to help at U.S. Air Force Marathon

by Chief Master Sgt. Chris Muncy State Command Chief Master Sergeant

The USAF Marathonis scheduled for September 18-20, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. This is a premiere event for the USAF. This year the Air National Guard will have mobile recruiting stations, for example a flight simulator manned by Chief Wes Smith and Ohio recruiters.

The marathon always needs volunteers to work booths or to help with registration and set-up. The Ohio ANG is not asking for paid status ANG workers or volunteers for this event. We would, however, like to encourage your organizations and groups, such as Chief's Councils, Airmen Councils, Family Readiness groups, , etc. to consider volunteering to support the event and getting recognition for the assistance.



If you are interested, please, contact Mrs. Molly Louden, USAF Marathon Director, or Capt. Patrick Solberg, Marathon Assistant, 88 MSG/SVC USAF Marathon office, DSN: 787-1699 or COMM: (937) 656-5299.

We have a lot of ANG members that run in this event and the 5K fun run on Friday. Here's a way to give back to one of the premiere sporting events in the nation that's held right here at home.

Promotions

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On the Horizon



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Airmen can submit dress, appearance ideas online

Airman's Roll Call for the week of March 12, 2008 - March 18, 2008

This week, top Air Force leaders came together for a two-day forum called CORONA. At the forum, Lt. Gen. Richard Newton III, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services at the Pentagon, announced that Airmen will now be able to submit ideas for improving dress and appearance standards to the new Virtual Uniform Board. This program allows individuals to submit uniform change requests through the Air Force's IDEA Program.

Once an idea is submitted, it is then routed through the same channels as other IDEA suggestions. Major commands will have the ability to coordinate on ideas from Airmen in their command, and uniform change requests that successfully make it to Air Force Headquarters level will be reviewed by the Air Force Uniform Board. The first VUB will take place in early May.

This revolutionary process makes it easier for Airmen to submit suggestions and better define ideas. The Virtual Uniform Board will allow Air Force leadership to be more responsive to the field and provide more flexibility to board members while saving time and money.

The AFUB is chaired by General Newton, and board members include the Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force, and representatives from each MAJCOM and Air Staff Directorate. The AFUB reviews uniform change requests, then generates a list of recommendations to be forwarded to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. Once the Chief of Staff makes a final decision, the results are announced and implementation plans are developed as required.

To submit a uniform change request, visit the IDEA Program website at https://ipds.csd.disa.mil (CAC required) and select "Submit a Uniform Change Request." Users must establish a username and password.

Patrol honors 3 men who carried driver to safety as 'God's little angels'

Article is courtesy of The Toledo Blade, published Wednesday, March 26, 2008.

By Alex M. Parker Blade Staff Writer

When Eric Snyder first saw a damaged Ford Escort resting against the guardrail on Bancroft Street in western Lucas County, he didn't know how long it had been there - or whether anyone was inside.

The 23-year-old had just pulled out of his home in Spencer Township, near the accident scene, and was on his way to work about 1 p.m. Jan. 22, when he came across the car and saw flames coming from the engine.

"There was a little bit of smoke, a little bit of flame," Mr. Snyder said.

But by the time he and another passing motorist - Pat Moran, 58, of Bedford Township - reached the car, it was filled with smoke, blocking the view through all the windows. Then they heard the person inside. With the help of one more passerby, they were able to lift the car's driver - Mary Apt, 84, of Wauseon - and carry her to safety. The ordeal took less than five minutes, Mr. Snyder said, but it saved a life.

"What would have happened if I had only been five minutes late to work?" Mr. Snyder asked.

Mr. Snyder, Mr. Moran, and James Raabe, 44, of Lake Township, were recognized yesterday by the Ohio Highway Patrol for their actions, which troopers said made the differ-



Flames sweep over Mary Apt's car after the crash at West Bancroft Street and Schwamberger Road January 22, 2008.



180th Fighter Wing Tech. Sgt. James Raabe of Walbridge, left, and Pat Moran, of Lambertville, were honored March 25, 2008, by the Ohio Highway Patrol.

ence between life and death for Mrs. Apt.

"Without their assistance, it would have been a fatal accident," patrol Sgt. Scott Wyckhouse said.

When the highway patrol presented the men certificates of recognition yesterday in a crowded garage at the Toledo post on Airport Highway near Toledo Express Airport, it was the first time Mrs. Apt had seen the three since the accident.

"They're God's little angels," she said. Mrs. Apt ran a stop sign before hitting the guardrail at Bancroft and Schwamberger Road, troopers said. She said she lost control of the car and wasn't able to stop.

"I saw the guardrail, and I knew that was the only way to stop," Mrs. Apt said. "I prayed to God - 'I know it will be bad, but please don't make it too bad' - I don't remember the end of the prayer."

Mr. Raabe, a member of the Ohio Air National Guard since 1987, said his military training helped guide his actions.

"Your first instinct is to get the person away from the vehicle," he said.

But he added that it was impor-

tant to get Mrs. Apt as far away as possible, to make sure she wasn't injured if the fire in the car spread.

None of the three men knew one another before the accident.

"We were just three guys at the right place at the right time," Mr. Moran said.

Despite injuries from the accident, Mrs. Apt was able to step out of her wheelchair with the aid of a walker. But she has sworn off driving.

"I was scared to death," Mrs. Apt said. "It was just a terrible feeling."

With the incident behind her, Mrs. Apt - mother of two, grand-mother of seven, and great-grand-mother of four - can now look forward to celebrating her 85th birthday on Friday.

Sergeant Wyckhouse said Mrs. Apt was at fault for the single-car accident, but she didn't get cited because she said she won't drive anymore. He said passers-by to an accident must act quickly if a fire is present. But without any immediate danger, witnesses to an accident shouldn't risk further injury by trying to move a victim out of the car, Sergeant Wyckhouse said.



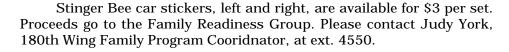
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Civil Engineering	CE Admin NCO	3A071		Tech. Sgt.	May 23
Communications	Ground Radio Con	n. 2E173		Master Sgt.	May 23
POC Staff Sgt. Latonya Boyd at extension 4070					

Searching for ANG

by 1st Lt. Holly Caldwell **Public Affairs Officer** Joint Force Headquarters

Ohio Air National Guard job opportunities are now listed on the Air Force Portal, within each of the wing's respective portal sites. In addition, each wing has included a hyperlink to other Ohio wing opportunities as well. This was done in an effort to provide our current and future ANG membership easy access to officer and enlisted, full-time and part-time job announcements.

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To access Ohio job opportunities, log into the AF portal, hover over the Bases-Orgs-Functional Areas option until the dropdown menu appears, click on MAJCOM A-Z Listing, then click the ANG hyperlink, click on Sub-Organizations and then click on the sub-organization of interest (i.e. for opportunities with the 179th Airlift Wing, click on the 179 AW – 179th Airlift Wing hyperlink). Job listings for geographically separated units are listed under their appropriate Wings.

Furthermore, the ANG began consolidating its public web sites under one network, the AF Public Web. This centralization of public content establishes one global network for all AF public web sites. Each unit's public web site will eventually move to a combined location, which will allow 24/ 7 access to job announcements for civilians, military members, as well as traditional guardmembers. The estimated completion date is Oct. 1, 2009, but units may volunteer to convert prior to this deadline by simply contacting the ANG Migration Team. So, until then, continue to utilize the AF portal when searching for potential job opportunities.

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Colonel Mark Bartman, base commander at the 180 Fighter Wing participated in a water training exercise water landing and safety after ejecting from a fighter jet. This training was held at the Wolfe Creek YMCA, Maumee, Ohio April 13. He was practicing surviving an ejection after landing in water.

Photo by Senior Airman Sheena Meyer

YOUTH PROGRAM

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- 3. September 6th, at Camp Graham 164 Springhill Rd, Clarksville, Ohio 45113
- 4. September 13th, at Camp Wesley 653 Township HWY 37 E, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311
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Photo courtsey of USAF

Staff Sgt. Kyle Parton, 180th Logistic Group, received the Warrior of the Week while stationed at Balad Air Base, Iraq.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS 180TH FIGHTER WING (ANG) (ACC) 2660 S EBER RD SWANTON OHIO 43558-9645

27 February 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Unit Members, State and Contract Employees, Contractors and Vendors

FROM:

180 Fighter Wing/CC 2660 South Eber Road Swanton, Ohio 43558

SUBJECT:

Environmental Policy Statement

- 1. The mission of the 180th Fighter Wing is to provide trained aircrews, personnel, equipment, and F-16 aircraft in support of U.S. Air Force requirements world-wide. Activities at the 180th FW include operating and maintaining F-16 fighter aircraft, corrosion control, aerospace ground equipment, vehicle maintenance, facilities maintenance, and administrative support. The 180th FW is committed to conducting its mission in an environmentally responsible manner that will protect human health, natural resources, and the environment. In doing so, we will comply with all Federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations, as well as Executive Orders, Air Force Instructions, and other guidance applicable to the conduct of our mission and strive for continual improvement in our environmental performance. This commitment goes beyond compliance with the law and encompasses the integration of sound environmental information and practices into our daily decisions and activities at all levels. We have in the past, and will continue in the future, to pursue a course of responsible environmental stewardship. In support of our environmental policy, we will:
 - a. Maintain an effective environmental management system, promote the use of safe technologies and operating practices, and remain ready to respond to emergencies in order to improve our environmental performance and minimize adverse impacts to installation workers, their families, and the environment.
 - b. Set environmental goals, measure progress, take corrective action when necessary, and communicate results and other environmental information regarding the installation's operations and its environmental accomplishments to workers, the community, suppliers, regulators and the public.
 - c. Working in partnership with all stakeholders, investigate and evaluate new and innovative technologies and practices as appropriate, establish and implement an effective pollution prevention program, minimize the generation of wastes, recycle materials otherwise destined to become waste when possible, and dispose of any remaining wastes in an environmentally responsible manner.
 - d. Ensure the responsible use of energy throughout the installation, including the adoption of innovative practices and procedures that will conserve energy and improve energy efficiency.
 - e. Promote the conservation and sustainable use of natural and manmade materials.
 - f. Provide regular operation-specific environmental performance reviews and assessments, develop plans to address actual or potential noncompliance situations, and build environmental concerns into all policies, programs, and missions.
- Compliance with this Environmental Policy is the responsibility of everyone supporting this Wing including military, state, and civilian employees, contractors, and vendors in accordance with his or her role and responsibilities in the organization. This policy will be communicated to the public through posting on the Wing's public website.
- 3. The Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) for this policy is the 180th Environmental Management Office (EMO).

MARK E. BARTMAÑ, COL, OHANG

Wing Commander

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